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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

**RE: [Docket No. 2006N-0168] Food Labeling: Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 72 FR 62149 (November 2, 2007).**

Request for an extension of the comment period

To whom it may concern,

The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN) is officially requesting an extension of the 90-day comment period for the ANPRM Revision of Reference Values and Mandatory Nutrients for an additional 90 days to April 30, 2008.

The outcome of the eventual regulation has the potential for a significant public health impact. Therefore, it is essential that all aspects of the ANPRM be carefully considered, many of which are extremely complex. This process, followed by the development of thorough comments requires ample time. With the Holidays approaching, the original 90-day comment period (deadline of Jan. 31, 2008) is simply not a sufficient amount of time for CRN and other stakeholders to develop their comments.

CRN is one of the leading trade associations representing the dietary supplement industry. Our members include both large and small ingredient suppliers and manufacturers of dietary supplements. We have followed very closely the issue of nutrient reference values, and we, along with our members are committed to doing the utmost to ensure that the interests of the public's health are protected.

Therefore, we believe strongly that FDA should extend the comment period until April 30, 2008 and by doing so, provide the stakeholder community with the time needed to adequately address the issues and questions presented in the ANPRM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

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